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**CEDILLO TO CHAIR THE CALIFORNIA LATINO
LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS**

Assemblyman Tony Mendoza to be Vice-Chair

Sacramento –Senator Gilbert Cedillo (D-Los Angeles) will be the Chair of the Latino Caucus and Assemblymember Tony Mendoza (D-Artesia) who was elected in 2006 will be Vice-Chair.

The vote took place this afternoon in a Latino Caucus closed door meeting with the majority of the 26 member caucus voting in favor of Cedillo and Mendoza.

Senator Gilbert Cedillo will serve as Latino Caucus Chair for the next two legislative cycles. He was elected to the Senate in 2002 and re-elected in 2004. Served in the Assembly from 1998-2002. Cedillo is Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Immigration and the Economy and member of the Rules committee. Cedillo has lead efforts to protect the rights of working men and women. He introduced landmark homeland security and highway safety measure to standardize driver's licenses for all. He has also lead the struggle to provide financial assistance for students without a legal status.

Assemblyman Tony Mendoza was elected to the State Assembly in 2006. He will serve as Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee and is a member of the Agricultural Committee, Banking and Finance, Elections and Redistricting and Governmental Organization Committees. He served as councilman in Artesia in 1997 and was re-elected in 2001 and 2005.

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